

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Page 10, line 25 to page 11, line 7, please rewrite the paragraph as follows:**

The dryer used in the present invention is not particularly limited provided it can perform any of the below-described drying operations, but is typically a pressure dryer having a discharge valve (which is sometimes simply referred to as a "valve"). The discharge valve is not particularly limited as long as it is capable of feeding powder material from a high-pressure side to a low-pressure side. It may be either of the continuous or discontinuous type. For example, it may be one disclosed in WO91/09661. Instead of a single such valve, a plurality of such valves may be used as disclosed in US patent 5589079. A valve or valves disclosed in WO00/71226 or US patent ~~4127935~~ 4137935 may also be used.